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SUBJECT: "TFSC" LETTER ON REPRESENTATION AT CSCE FOLLOW-UP
CONFERENCE.

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THROUGH REGULAR INTERNATIONAL
MAIL LETTER FROM "TFSC FOREIGN MINISTER" CHELIK TO SECRE-
TARY VANCE ASSERTING THAT "GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION"
LACKS COMPETENCE TO REPRESENT ALL OF CYPRUS AT CSCE FOLLOW-
UP CONFERENCE, AND OBLIQUELY REQUESTING THAT "TFSC" BE
GIVEN EQUAL TIME TO RESPOND SHOULD GREEK CYPRIOTS SEEK
TO "INTERNATIONALIZE" CYPRUS ISSUE AT BELGRADE. IN
ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PRACTICE, DEPARTMENT INTENDS NEITHER
TO ACKNOWLEDGE NOR TO RESPOND TO CHELIK LETTER. TEXT OF
LETTER GIVEN BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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2. BEGIN TEXT. YOUR EXCELLENCY, AS IS KNOWN, THE REPRE-
SENTATIVES OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION
IN EUROPE (CSCE) WILL SOON MEET IN BELGRADE IN ORDER TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS ON BOTH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVI-
SIONS OF THE FINAL ACT AND ON POSSIBLE NEW MEASURES
CAPABLE OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE DETENTE

PROCESS.

SINCE IT HAS COME TO MY KNOWLEDGE THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT

ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE AT THE SAID MEETING
UNDER THE PRETENCE OF REPRESENTING CYPRUS AS A WHOLE, I
DEEM IT NECESSARY TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT
SUCH A REPRESENTATION HAS NO LEGAL BASIS WHATSOEVER.

YOUR EXCELLENCY, JURIDICALLY AND IN PRACTICE THERE ARE TWO
DISTINCT NATIONAL ENTITIES IN CYPRUS. ACCORDINGLY, IN THE
BINATIONAL STATE OF CYPRUS, BASED ON THE EXISTENCE OF TWO
DISTINCT NATIONAL COMMUNITIES AND ON THE JOINT PARTICIPA-
TION OF THESE TWO COMMUNITIES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
STATE AND IN ALL ITS ORGANS, MEMBERS OF EITHER ONE COMMU-
NITY CANNOT, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OTHER COMMUNITY TO
DO SO, REPRESENT THE STATE AS A WHOLE, BUT CAN MERELY
REPRESENT AND SPEAK FOR THEIR OWN COMMUNITY. AS I AM
SURE YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND, THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE CANNOT
BE EXPECTED TO AGREE TO CYPRUS BEING REPRESENTED IN THE
CSCE "FOLLOW-UP" MEETINGS BY A DELEGATION COMPOSED PURELY
OF GREEK CYPRIOTS.

IN FACT, FOR MANY YEARS, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE SPARED NO
EFFORT IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE THE MEMBERS OF THE
TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY TO VIRTUAL OPEN-AIR PRISONERS
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IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY, TO SUBJECT THEM TO ECONOMIC ATTRI-
TION, TO INTIMIDATION AND, WHAT IS MORE, AS IS ALSO KNOWN
BY WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, TO EXTERMINATE THEM, FOR THEY
VIEWED THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AS THE MAIN OBSTACLE
TO THEIR ULTIMATE GOAL, NAMELY THE REALIZATION OF ENOSIS
I.E. THE UNION OF CYPRUS WITH GREECE.

YOUR EXCELLENCY, AS EVEN THE GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP IT-
SELF HAS LATELY ADMITTED, AN EQUITABLE AND LASTING SOLU-
TION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH
MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES DIRECTLY
INTERESTED, NAMELY THE TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNI-
TIES, WITH DUE CONSIDERATION TO PAST EVENTS AND THE BITTER
EXPERIENCES OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

AS A MATTER OF FACT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE HAS RECENTLY
RENEWED AND INTENSIFIED ITS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A BREAK-
THROUGH IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WHICH HAVE BEEN REPEATED-
LY INTERRUPTED IN THE PAST BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. ON
THE INITIATIVE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE THE LEADERS
OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES MET IN NICOSIA FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN THIRTEEN YEARS WHEREUPON THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS

RESUMED ON THE BASIS OF A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT REACHED
BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES MET IN VIENNA

ON THE 31ST MARCH 1977 AND FOR THE FIRST TIME EXCHANGED
CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON BOTH THE TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITU-
TIONAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM. DESPITE THE WIDE GAP WHICH
STILL EXISTS BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES, THE
EXCHANGE OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS, AND THE AGREEMENT TO CON-
TINUE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A
POSITIVE STEP FORWARD.

HOWEVER ATTEMPTS TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE ISSUE IN ORDER TO
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EXERT PRESSURE ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WITH A
VIEW TO OBTAINING CERTAIN ADVANTAGES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS
CANNOT BUT DETERIORATE THE RELATIVELY POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE
CREATED BY THE TALKS.

IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO NOTE THAT A DEMAGOGIC APPROACH AT
INTERNATIONAL FORA HARDLY CONSTITUTES THE PROPER FRAMEWORK
AND MEANS FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE
CYPRUS PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY IN THE ABSENCE OF ONE OF THE
PARTIES DIRECTLY INTERESTED AND, AND ABOVE ALL, AT A TIME
WHEN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ARE ALREADY IN PROGRESS.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE RECOGNIZED THAT, IN CASE THE GREEK CYP-
RIOTS TRY TO EXPLOIT THE BELGRADE MEETING IN ORDER TO RE-
PEAT THEIR FALSE ALLEGATIONS AIMED AT CONDITIONING WORLD
PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, THE
CO-FOUNDER PARTNER OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, NOTHING
WOULD BE MORE NATURAL AND EQUITABLE THAN TO PROVIDE THE
TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM
THE MEETING OF THE REALITIES OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WHICH
THE GREEK CYPRIOTS UNDERSTANDABLY TRY SO MUCH TO HIDE FROM
THE WORLD.

I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT, MINDFUL OF THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION
I BELIEVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHES TO MAKE
TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, YOU WOULD DEEM
IT APPROPRIATE TO CONVEY OUR VIEWS AND BASIC APPROACH,
REGARDING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE OF CYPRUS IN
PARTICULAR AND THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS IN GENERAL, TO THE
DELEGATION WHICH WILL REPRESENT YOUR COUNTRY IN BELGRADE.
END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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